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THE **USSR/URSS PAVILION** AT **EXPO67** [MONTREAL] IS WHERE THE RUSSIA ADVENTURE BEGAN FOR ME. A VERY NICE RUSSIAN GUIDE GAVE ME A PERSONAL TOUR OF THE EXCITING EXHIBITS. THIS WAS DURING SEPTEMBER AND I WAS ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING. THIS WAS AN ENLIGHTENING MOMENT FOR ME TO MEET A FRIENDLY RUSSIAN ESPECIALLY SINCE I GREW UP DURING THE 'COLD WAR' WHERE I WAS TAUGHT THAT THE USSR WAS THE "ENEMY". I REALIZED THAT THE ANTI-RUSSIA PROPAGANDA FROM THE US GOVERNMENT PROBABLY DIDN'T APPLY TO MOST RUSSIANS WHO WERE JUST TRYING TO LIVE THEIR LIVES MUCH LIKE US. THIS POSITIVE EXPERIENCE WAS REPEATED AGAIN WHEN I WAS INVITED AS A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS IN RUSSIA IN 2000 AND AGAIN IN 2001 BY THE HEAD OF THE RUSSIAN PHYSICS COMMUNITY. I GAVE PRESENTATIONS OF MY THEORY OF **TIME** AT THE INSTITUTE FOR HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS [IHEP] IN PROTVINO, MOSCOW AREA. HERE I FOUND A FRIENDLY, RECEPTIVE, OPEN-MINDED AND INTERESTED AUDIENCE. THESE TWO WORKSHOPS WERE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MY ADVENTURES IN SCIENCE. INTERACTING WITH THESE THOUGHTFUL PHYSICISTS AND PHILOSOPHERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AT THESE GATHERINGS WAS VERY SPECIAL FOR ME IN FINDING I WAS NOT ALONE IN MY QUEST TO FIND ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE MOST PROFOUND QUESTIONS IN SCIENCE.

BUD ARRANGED THIS TRIP TO EXPO 67 STARTING SCOTT'S ADVENTURES IN PHYSICS

USSR Pavilion

The Soviet Union's pavilion, one of the largest at Expo, was modern in architectural form, almost Western in appearance. Soviet architects, by using great walls of glass and aluminum topped by a ski-jump roof, departed from their traditional boring monolithic architectural style. The escalator that lead up into the pavilion prepared the visitor for the surprise of the wide-angled V beams that supported its upswept roof, and carried him into a symmetrically organized display area dominated by a huge bust of Lenin.



The USSR pavilion, one of the largest at Expo, had a light airy look with its huge expanse of glass and aluminum walls topped by a ski-jump roof.

The challenge met by the pavilion's designers, was both to present a broad image of the USSR, and at the same time dazzle the visitor with their technological achievements. The story of the exhibits was of three elements; Earth, Sea and Sky and of what the Soviet people had done to draw benefits from those elements "all in the name of man, for the good of man".

The section on the main floor, welcomed the visitor as he stepped off the escalator that led up from the esplanade in front of the pavilion. Above were two mezzanines, the topmost appropriately devoted to its fascinating space exhibits. The floor below contained the Sea Exhibit, the theater and the restaurants.

The displays in the Earth section, stretching away from the top of the escalator, made a huge statement of the Soviet Union's abilities. Models, machines, samples of raw materials, photographs, films, illuminated maps and sketches were used to tell the Soviet's achievements and future plans of its oil and coal industries, secondary and consumer goods industries, housing and town planning, agriculture, chemistry, metallurgy, thermal and nuclear power, mechanical engineering, optics, instrument making and quantum electronics. Working models like that of the Kransnoyarsk hydroelectric power station were created with precision and were highly educational.



The USSR pavilion's main floor was devoted to their technological progress on land, while exhibits on the mezzanine above were of their successful space program. A huge bust of Lenin set the tone.

Cosmos Hall, a spherical 60 seat theater, was popular but required reservations. Passengers were strapped into seats for a simulated liftoff into orbit and a journey to Mars. The seats vibrated as projectors showed views from the theater capsule.

The large theater downstairs presented cultural shows of its fifteen diverse provinces. Each week a different province performed and each showed its unique historic and cultural attributes.

The pavilion's art and culture section showed the country's recent past. There was a canvas that showed street fighting during the Revolution and a rugged statue of a soldier defending Stalingrad. On a more gentle note, a craftsman sat deftly carving a troika and drawings of kindergarten children were displayed.

Also downstairs was the popular 1,100 seat Moskva restaurant. It served a varied fare of Siberian pelmeni, Ukrainian borscht, Caucasian shashlyk and other delicacies from the USSR's fifteen provinces.



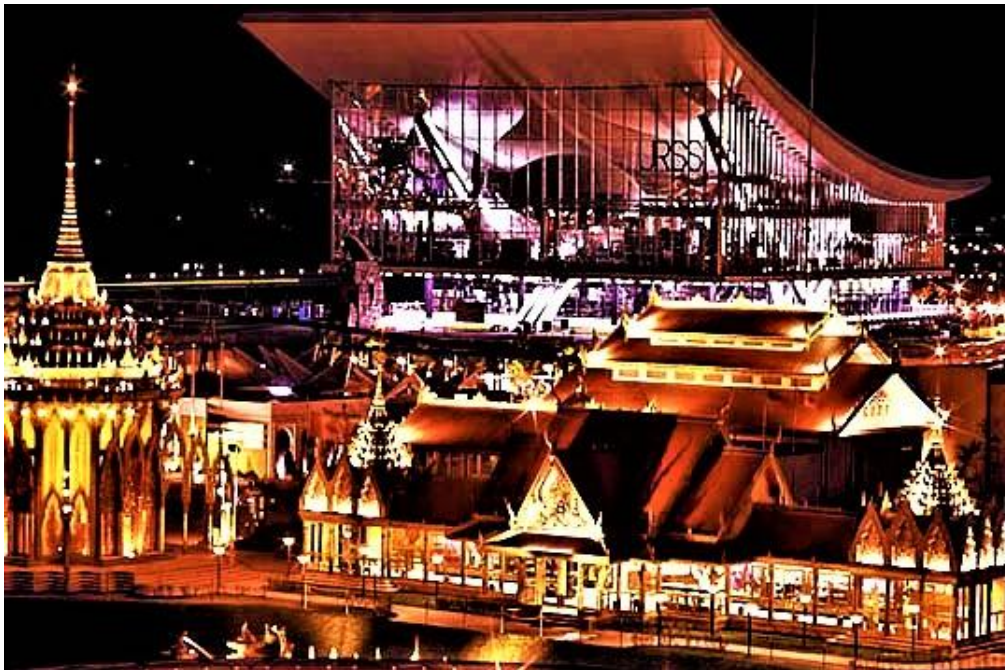
Example of the USSR's industrial might.

In the Sea exhibits on the bottom floor were also displays of Soviet progress. There was a model of a desalinization plant for fresh water and a model of the atomic icebreaker "Lenin". There was also a fish pool where sturgeon, "the mothers of caviar" pursued their journeys to lay eggs.

High under the roof, a broad gallery was devoted to the conquest of space. A fire-blackened replica of Yuri Gagarin's space capsule competed for attention with mock-ups of the surface of the moon and Venus. Overhead hung several dozen Sputnik models, each designed for a specific purpose. Nearby, in a section on aviation, were models of futuristic aircraft like the SST.



Examples of the USSR space program.





Yuri Gararin's space capsule.



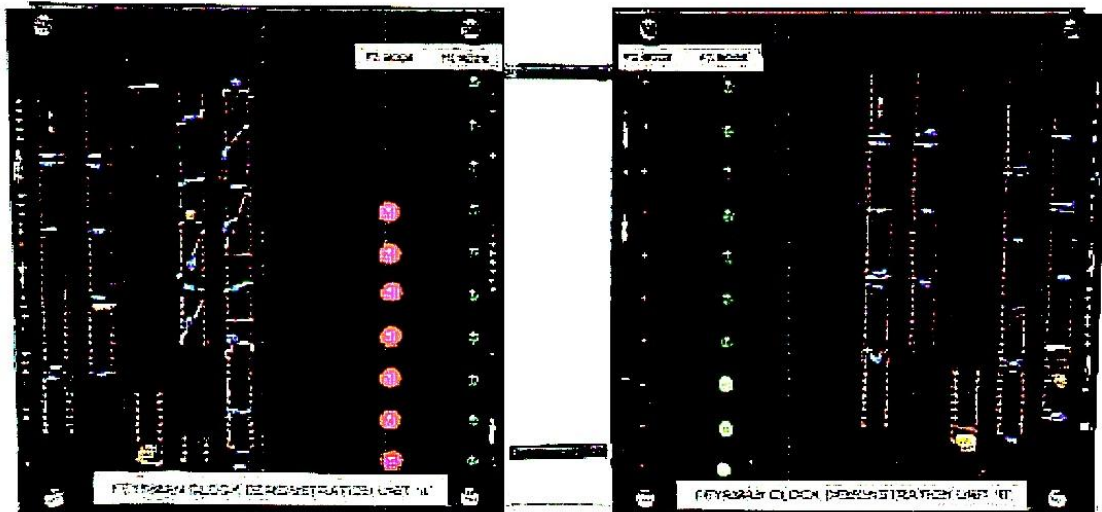
THE 'SUIT' SPEAKS



IHEP TALK JUNE 21, 2000, PROTUVINO
MOSCOW AREA

IHEP 2000 [Russia] An Invited Talk "Feynman Clocks And The Origins Of Time In Complex Systems From The Big Bang To The Brain"

IHEP 2001 [Russia] An Invited Talk "Time and Information: The Origins of 'Time' from Information Flow In Complex Systems"



Feynman Clock Demonstration Units. The units illustrate the status of the excited (green LEDs) and detector states (red LEDs) of two representative FC-nodes or gates in a causal network. Each of the two identical FC/FD units in the kit is a battery operated infra-red photon pulse transmitter and detector. Signals from one unit are sent to the other unit by conventional infrared sources and detectors used in television remote controls. They are shielded from stray light by the two hollow black tubes between the units. The 'time' interval between successive FC signal emissions (accompanied by a decreasing number of green LEDs displayed on the transmitter) represents the lifetime of the collective excitation state for that system configuration given by the number of LEDs illuminated. The 'decay', or 'decoherence' lifetimes for the transition from the FD mode to the FC mode of a unit represent the internal reconfiguration process of the entire gate or node. The number of green LEDs displayed indicates how many signals or excited states remain in the Feynman Clock mode of that unit from a maximum possible number of 10. After all ten signals have been sent the transmitting unit shifts to a FD mode with no lights on. It remains in this mode until 10 signals have been detected by it or it is shut off. Examples of these systems include the photon emission and absorption in atoms, phonons or sound waves emitted or detected in crystals, and electron and 'exciton' flow in photosynthetic networks in plant cells. The cyclical circuits created with the feedback and feedforward of signals between these two units illustrates elementary information processing in neurons. Conventional 'time' between red/green LED events is created by the observer of the two node network by a process of signal mapping. The red and green light is mapped to the internal or standard clock of the observer from which the understanding of the causal nature of the information flow between these two units is related to the standard 'direction' and 'dimension' associated with 'time'.